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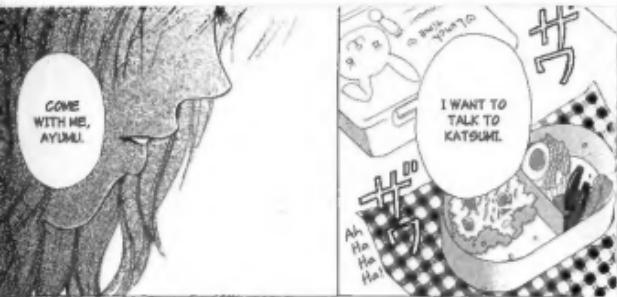
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The true story of Life

Ayumi is a high school girl who's a sister. She's pretty insecure, and constantly worries about being dumped by her friend, Katsuhiko. When Ayumi finds out that Matsuhi's boy-friend Katsuhi hasn't been willing to have sex, she promises to help Matsuhi maintain his attraction anyway. She makes a pitiful swear with Matsuhi that she'd do anything to help keep the relationship going. When Katsuhi suddenly breaks up with Matsuhi, Matsuhi is heartbroken. Will Ayumi be able to keep her promise?

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Life

The Story So Far

Katsuhiko

He is

He is

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Hanori

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Shi-chan

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Ayumi Shioya

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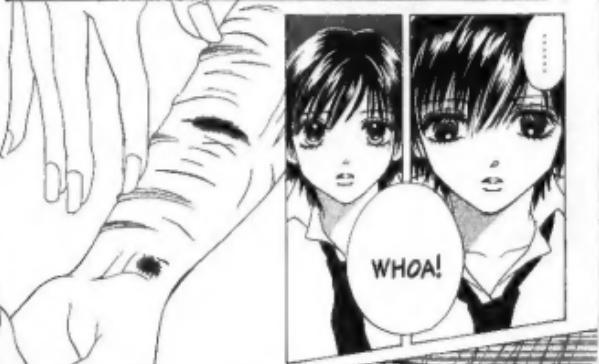
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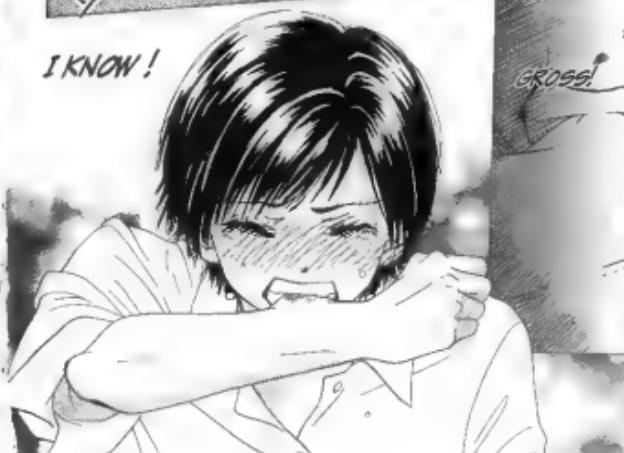




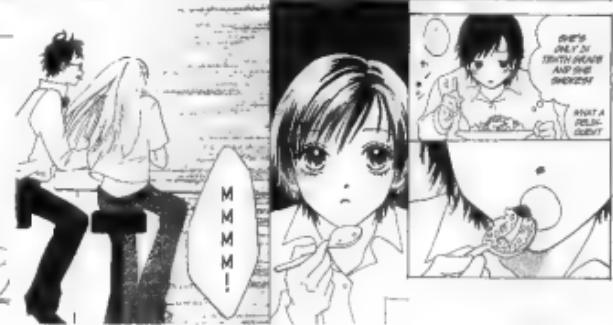






























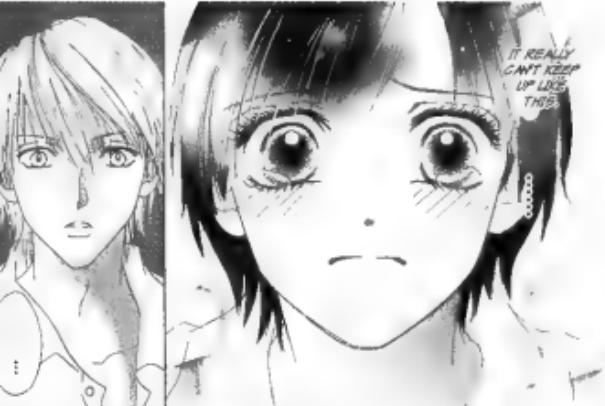




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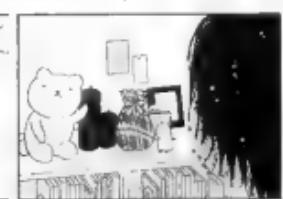
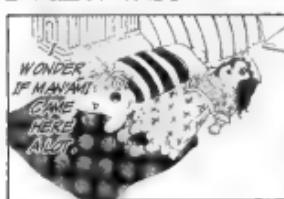


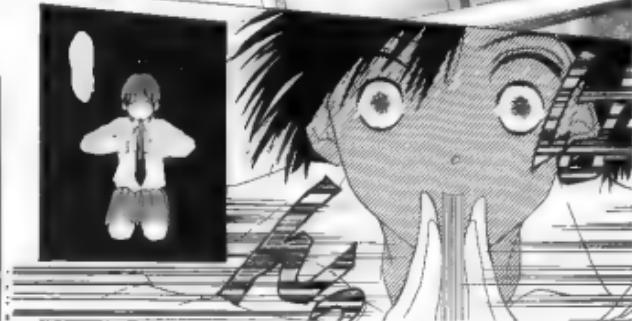


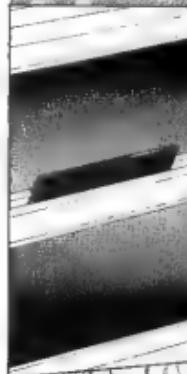
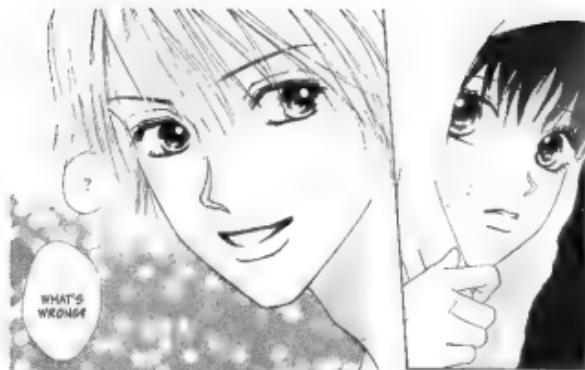
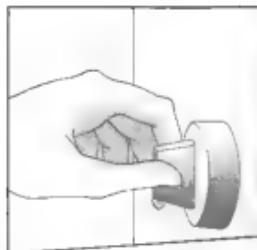




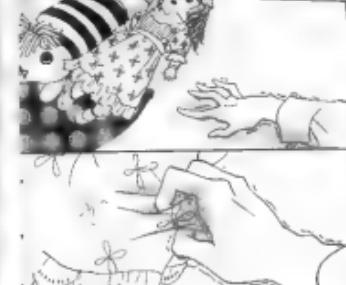


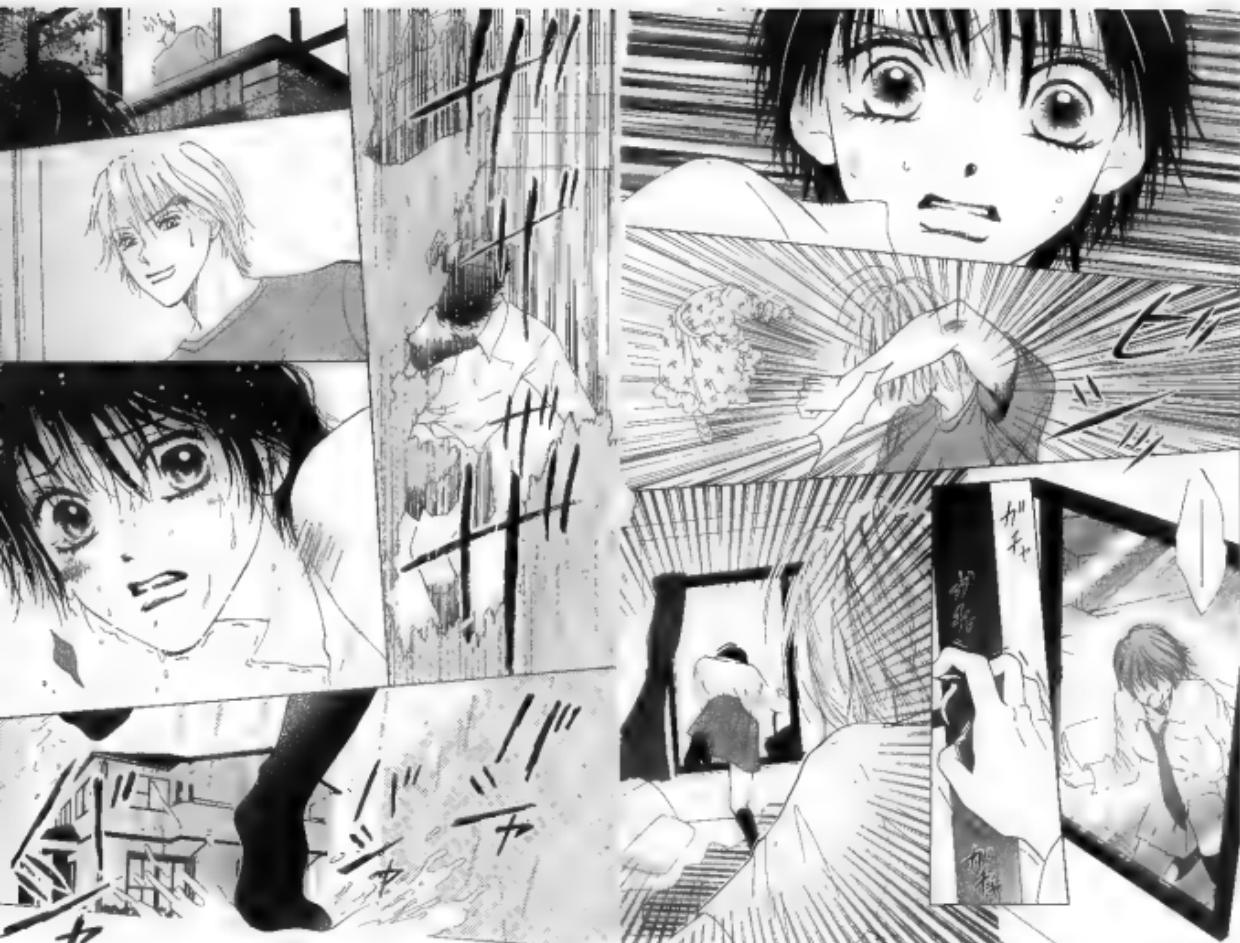


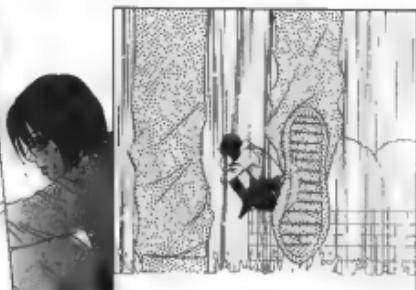


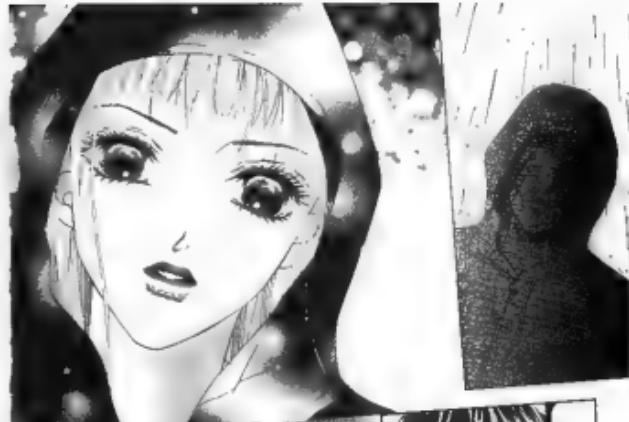


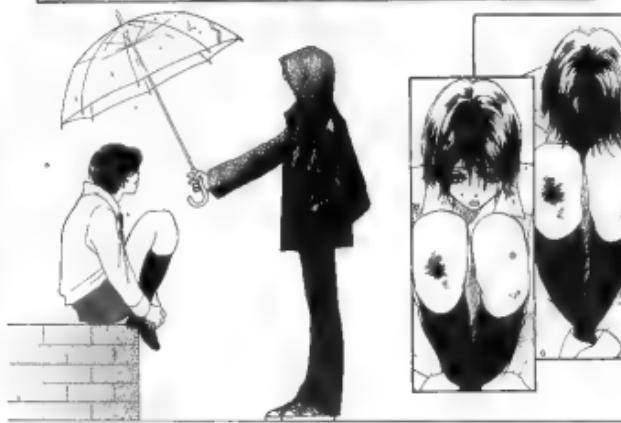
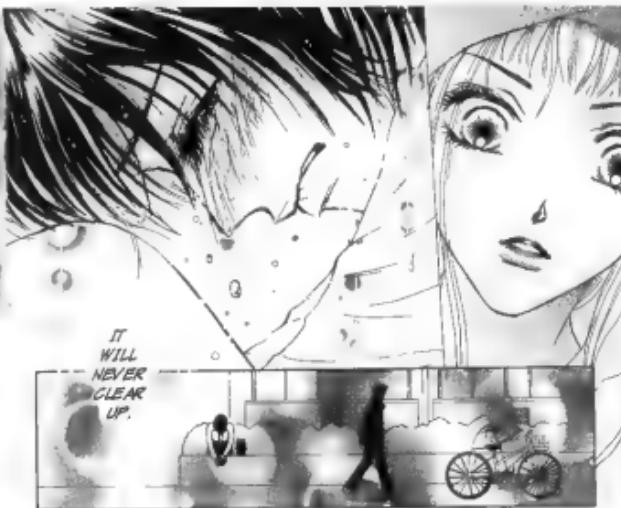








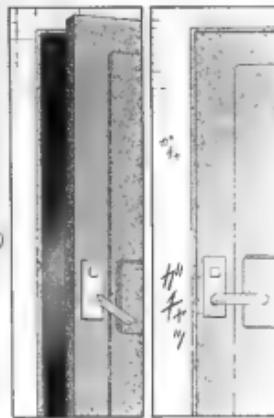
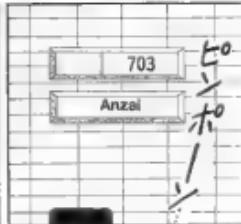


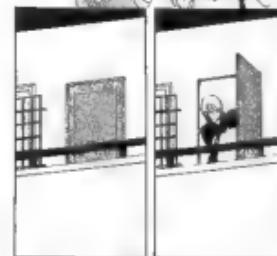




















Chapter 6: Curse



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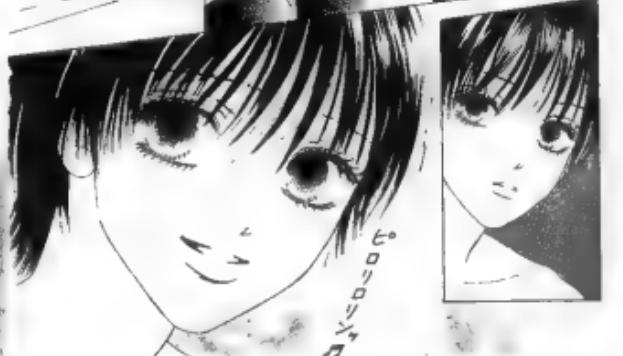
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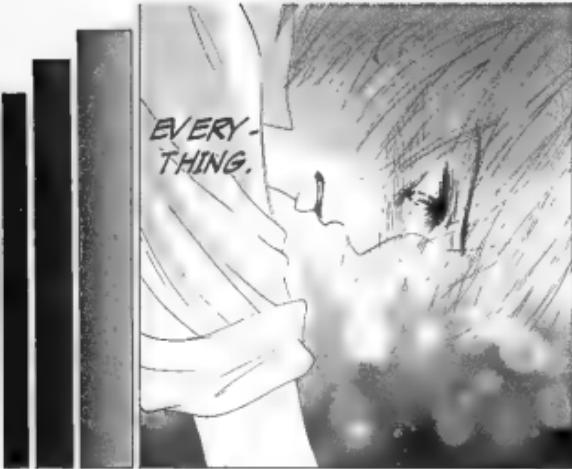


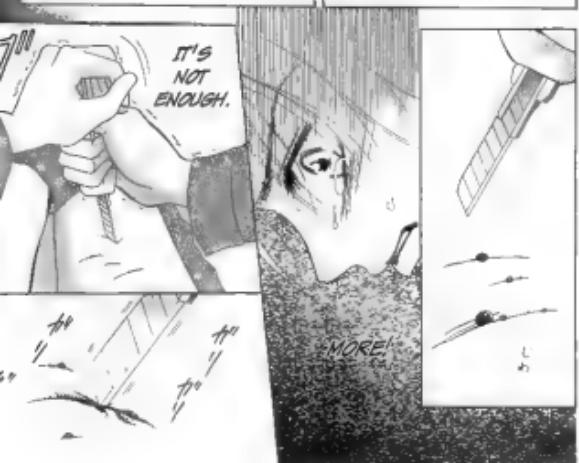


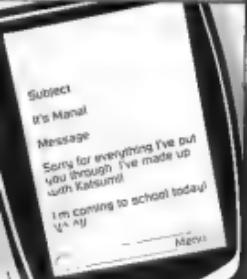


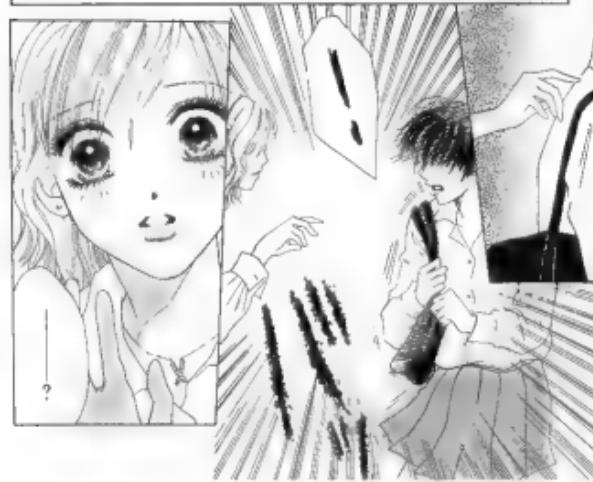






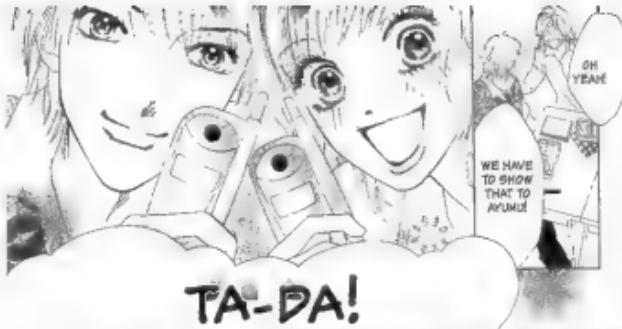












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Chapter 7: Doubt





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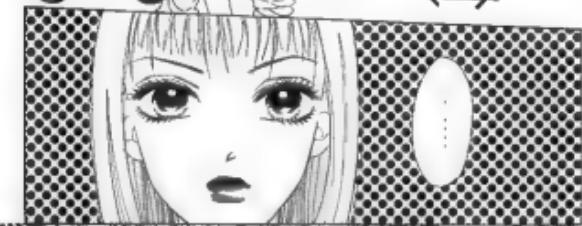


YOU'RE NISHIDATE'S RAY OF HOPE!















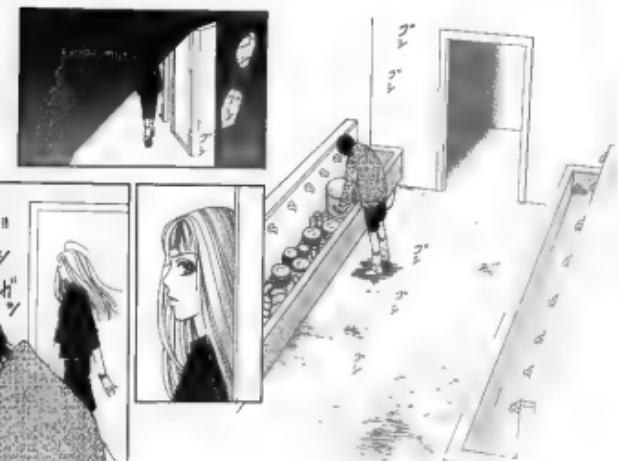


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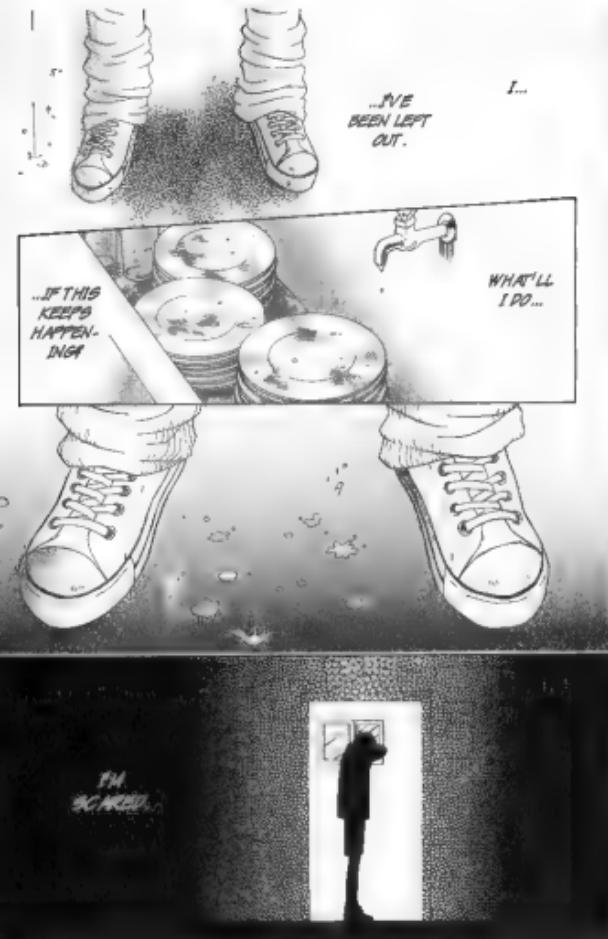
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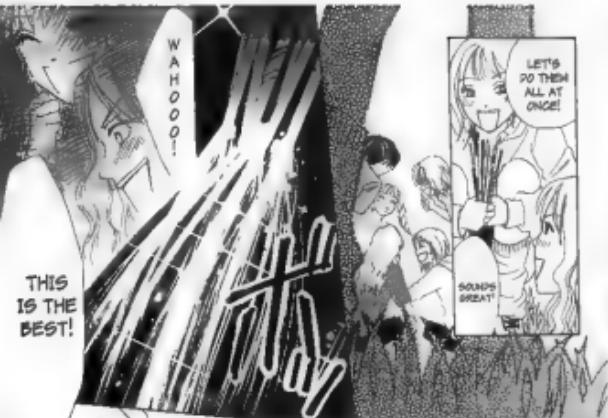
THEN
I'LL GIVE
MINE TO
YOU.





















Epilogue

Friendship enriches our lives. Think how empty our lives would be without having people with whom we share interests, activities, and our feelings. However, being emotionally connected to another person means that we share in their bad times as well as good. Mikki's empathy for Ayumu motivates her to lash out at the girls who mistreat her. Sometimes it can be a struggle not to feel responsible for improving another's emotional state, especially when that person is in danger of taking her own life. It's difficult for Ayumu not to be affected by Manami's suffering, particularly since Manami directly involved Ayumu in her suicidal act. Understandably, Ayumu is troubled by her friend's behavior and seems to feel compelled to try to take her pain away.

As a psychotherapist and former suicide hotline counselor, I've experienced numerous unpleasant feelings when interacting with a suicidal individual. I've felt deep sadness that she is experiencing such emotional pain and hopelessness; anxiety about my ability to help; fear that I won't do enough; a sense of responsibility for the individual's safety; a sense that I must constantly be on guard for any clues that she is in danger of hurting herself; and even worry that I will be blamed for not preventing it if she acts on her suicidal thoughts.

For those who are not trained in helping suicidal individuals it can be even more torturous. You may feel terrified and helpless because you do not know the right thing to do. You may feel cornered by your friend's demand that you keep her secret. You may feel angry that she is putting all this on you. Or you may feel irritated if you suspect she is just trying to get attention. When faced with a friend's suicidal gestures we may become judgmental: Why can't she just look on the bright side? How could she think about taking her own precious life?

Know that you don't need to (nor should you) handle a friend's suicidal thoughts or behavior on your own. If someone you care about is feeling suicidal get help immediately by calling 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Take all talk of suicide seriously. Visit <http://www.suicidology.org> and learn the warning signs and what you can do to help.

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